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Amendments to the Claims

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 5 and 6 as follows.

- 1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A fuel cell, comprising:
 - a pair of separators;
- a membrane electrode assembly including an electrolyte membrane and an anode and a cathode disposed at both sides of said electrolyte membrane, said membrane electrode assembly being held by said pair of separators via a sealing member —;
- a sealing member disposed between said membrane electrode assembly and said pair of separators; and

a reactant gas channel disposed between said membrane electrode assembly and one of said pair of separator, a part of said reactant gas channel being formed seamlessly by a part of said sealing member.

- 2. (ORIGINAL) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein said pair of separators is formed from a metal thin plate.
- 3. (ORIGINAL) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein said reactant gas channel has a turning portion, and a boundary portion of said turning portion is constituted by at least a part of said sealing member.
- 4. (ORIGINAL) A fuel cell according to claim 2, wherein said reactant gas channel has a turning portion, and a boundary portion of said turning portion is constituted by at least a part of said sealing member.
- 5. (NEW) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein said reactant gas channel has a turning portion and a linear portion, and said sealing member extends to said linear portion.
- 6. (NEW) A fuel cell according to claim 1, wherein said sealing member has an extended portion, and a protruding member is provided in parallel with said extended portion so that a part of said reactant gas channel is formed between said extended portion and said protruding member.